

Pueblo Chemical Depot Technology Decision

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

Teams from the Pueblo Chemical Depot, the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program and Bechtel Pueblo are partnering with the community to safely destroy the chemical weapons stockpile.



Current Schedule

The details of the following schedule will be established in conjunction with the systems contractor.

Contract Award	Sept 2002
Facility Design	2003-2005
Construction	2004-2006
Pre-Systemization	2006-2007
Systemization	2007-2008
Pilot Testing	2008-2009
Operations	2009-2010
Closure	2010-2013



Technology Decision Timeline

March 2002

- Final site-specific Pueblo Environmental Impact Statement issued
- Department of Defense announces neutralization followed by biotreatment is "agency-preferred alternative"

July 2002

- Secretary of the Army approves neutralization followed by biotreatment in a decision memorandum
- Technology decision documented in Record of Decision, completes National Environmental Policy Act process for technology

September 2002

· Systems contract awarded to Bechtel Pueblo team to design, construct, test, operate and close the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant